GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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CONTINGENCY PLANS AT THE AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of contingency plans prepared by the Government to tackle any terror and other disasters in the country, airport-wise;

(b) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) inspects and reviews the contingency plans of airports in the country;

(c) if so, the details of inspections carried out by BCAS during each of the last three years, airport-wise;

(d) whether the guidelines of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) are followed by the BCAS in tackling the terror and other attacks; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) has approved the model contingency plan to deal with hijack situations which has been circulated to all airports in the country. The number of airports which have the contingency plan, already prepared and approved by Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is 53. Other airports are in the process of preparing the new contingency plan as per the model contingency plan aproved by the MCA.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The details of inspection, audits, security tests and surprise checks carried out by BCAS officers airport-wise for the year 2006, 2007 and upto September, 2008 are enclosed at annexure `A`, `B`, `C` and `D`.

(d): The model contingency plans have been prepared as per the guidelines of ICAO with minor changes according to suitability to our needs.

(e): Does not arise.